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**AMENDMENT**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2006 in regard to the above-identified patent application. A petition for a three-month extension of time is enclosed herewith. Reconsideration of the rejection of the claims and finality of the action is respectfully solicited in light of the following amendment and remarks.

Please amend the Application as follows: